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USAID Programs in 2006

The American people though USAID have provided \$360 million in assistance programs for the Kyrgyz Republic since 1992, including \$19.6 million in 2006.



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Economic Reform (FY06 \$8.2 million, 42%): USAID promotes SME development through business advisory services, accounting training, association development (Pragma), and business and economics education (Carana, Junior Achievement). Support to banks and microfinance institutions facilitates access to credit for micro and small businesses (EBRD, ACDI/VOCA). USAID also assists in reducing investment constraints and modernizing customs (Pragma, Investment Roundtable NGO), reforming commercial law (ARD/Checchi) and economic policy (Bearing Point), and developing land market (Chemonics). USAID is improving agricultural practices and access to agricultural inputs in the Ferghana Valley (IFDC). Farmers receive support to improve agricultural production and management of the irrigation networks and on-farm water (Winrock International) as well as creation of agricultural value chains (Development Alternative Initiatives).

Energy and Water (FY06 \$1.4 million, 7%): Starting in 2006, USAID will assist in developing a regional electricity market for Central Asia and support the Government of Kyrgyzstan in reforming the country's electricity sector. The project will work to establish a transparent, competitive market; to increase electricity trade; and to introduce market-based solutions for transboundary water disputes (implementer TBD).

Health and Population (FY06 \$3.5 million, 18%): USAID assists the Kyrgyz Government to increase utilization and quality of primary health care services through the implementation of the National Health Reform Program. This program provides continuing medical education for doctors, nurses, and paramedics. The maternal and child health program trains health providers on antenatal care, newborn care, and integrated management of childhood illnesses, and assists in developing national guidelines on infection prevention. USAID supports implementation of the WHO-recommended live birth definition. Support is provided to implement the Directly Observed Treatment, Short-course (DOTS) strategy and to improve surveillance systems, laboratory quality, and rational drug management. USAID assists the Kyrgyz Government in implementing grants from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, builds the capacity of local NGOs working in the field of HIV/AIDS, and works to reduce drug use through peer outreach activities. Principal implementers: Abt Associates, John Snow Inc., CDC, Project Hope, Alliance for Open Society International.

Basic Education (FY06 \$0.1 million, 0.5%): This program provides training and resource development for 11 pilot schools, which, in turn, will serve as teacher training centers for 84 cluster schools (AED). In addition, USAID funds the Kyrgyz National Scholarship Test, which provides a fair opportunity for school graduates to receive state grants for higher education (CEATM).

Democracy and Media (FY06 \$4.2 million, 21%): USAID democracy efforts focus on strengthening 1) political processes and institutions (NDI, IRI), 2) civic organizations and their capacity for advocacy (Counterpart), and 3) sources of independent information (Internews, Adil Soz). Elections-related assistance includes election administration, monitoring and parallel vote tabulation, political party assistance, small grants to NGOs for voter education, and media coverage. USAID funds a human rights defenders program (Freedom House), civic education (IFES), anti-trafficking activities (Winrock), commercial law and judicial training (ARD/Checchi), legal education (ABA/CEELI), and local governance (Urban Institute).

Conflict Mitigation (FY06 \$0.7 million, 3.6%): USAID works with cluster communities on border regions, fostering cross-border collaboration on infrastructure and social projects that are root causes of conflict. Assistance also aims to increase economic opportunities, improve service delivery, and promote citizen participation in addressing issues at the core of potential conflicts. (Mercy Corps, PCI, CDI)

Cross-Cutting Issues (FY06 \$1.5 million, 7.7%): Cross-cutting programs support USAID's technical assistance by providing training and professional exchanges to the United States (AED, World Learning). Eurasia Foundation provides small grants to NGOs to strengthen private enterprise, civil society, public administration, and education.